

REMARKS

Claims 17-31 are pending in this application, of which Claims 17 and 29 are in independent form. Claims 1-16 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Claims 17-31 correspond substantially to the claims in the Article 34 Amendment in International Application No. PCT/JP2004/017042, of which the present application is the national phase. The claims differ from those in Article 34 Amendment in that they have been amended to correct improper multiple dependent claims, and as to matters of form.

Early and favorable consideration is requested.

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